



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LAKE LANSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Administrative Conference Room
Tuesday, August 13, 2019 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Chair, Curt Armbruster (tier1); Robert Hollenshead (tier1); Tim McCarthy (tier1);
Steve Culling (tier2); Ron Rowe (tier1); Coe Emens (ICP)
ABSENT: Larry Wagenknecht (tier2); Paul Pratt (ICDC)

STAFF/
TOWNSHIP: Younes Ishraidi
COUNTY:
Others: Chris Andrews; Susan Andrews

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Armbruster called the meeting to order at **5:30 pm**.

2. PUBLIC REMARKS

Mrs. Susan Andrews spoke to the committee regarding her interest in preventing invasive species from Lake Lansing. She had recently attended meetings and a workshop about this issue and would like to see what the committee is doing about it. She also mentioned that she had recently met with County Commissioner Emily Stiver and Commissioner Stiver suggested applying for a grant under the upcoming "Shovel Ready" grant program funded by the Ingham County trails & parks millage to improve the boat launch area. It was noted that County Parks would be the appropriate agency to apply for this grant as they own the boat launch. If that to occur, the advisory committee would provide a support letter and probably a contribution towards the project.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following agenda items were approved unanimously:

- A. Approval of Minutes
- B. Nextdoor Notification System
- C. Harvesting Update & related issues
- D. Herbicide Treatment Evaluation Report

3A. Herbicide Treatment Update

The July 9, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

3B. Nextdoor Notification System

Chair Armbruster stated that he used the "Nextdoor" app with the help of the Township's Communications Department to send out notices regarding the last herbicide treatment. He encouraged fellow committee and LLPOA members to use this app. He added that he received several positive responses from lake residents regarding this notification method. It was also noted that the treatment notification was also posted on the Township's web site.

3C. Harvesting Update & related issues

Chair Armbruster stated that the current Harvester is not likely to return next year as he may have health and equipment issues. There was a consensus that additional harvesting this year is not likely. As such, the committee recommends advertising for a new harvesting contract starting next year.

The committee then discussed a proposal/ concept plan presented by Chair Armbruster for a second access point for the harvester to use near Shaw Drive and Lake Lansing Road intersection, and for adding a dock in the same area to allow boaters easy access to the commercial establishments in the vicinity. Copies of the concept proposal including a sketch were distributed to committee members. Chair Armbruster stated that he met with Steve Carpenter, the LLPOA President, and Coe Emens, the County Park Manager to discuss this concept plan. Park Manager Emens stated that the dock would need to be handicap accessible per ADA requirements. After the discussion, the committee unanimously approved a motion to support the concept plan with emphasis on the access drive installation. Mr. Emens stated that he will discuss the plan with the county parks director. He also suggested possible contribution to the project from the Lake Special Assessment District (SAD).

The committee then discussed finding another weed drop site that is closer than the "Lansing Gardens" site currently used by the harvester. Chair Armbruster stated that the harvester was taking too long to transport the weeds and securing a closer site would benefit the harvester and ultimately the bottom line of the SAD, as it would be cheaper for the harvester to operate.

3D. Herbicide Treatment Evaluation Report

Chair Armbruster stated that he would like the Lake consultant to prepare a detailed evaluation report outlining the problems of the failed SONAR treatment this summer. He requested that the consultant present the report during the October meeting. Younes stated that he'll share this request with the consultant.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Armbruster adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.